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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to the Final Office Action of January 21, 2003, and the Advisory Action of April 2, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 12 and 19, without prejudice, as follows:

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12. (Amended) A fuel injector for a fuel injection system of an internal combustion engine, comprising:
- an energizable actuating element;
 - a valve needle that is axially movable along a longitudinal axis of a valve;
 - a fixed valve seat;
 - a valve seat element including an orifice following downstream from the fixed valve seat;
 - a valve closing section arranged on a downstream end of the valve needle and for working together with the fixed valve seat for opening and closing the valve, wherein:
 - the fixed valve seat is designed on the valve seat element;